

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6897–S6923

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4, 2930–2939. **Pages S6913–14**

Measures Reported:

S. 2551, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition workforce. (S. Rept. No. 117–40)

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Merriam Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Sarah A.L. Merriam, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 6, 2021; that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time expire at 2:15 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 79 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 405), Paloma Adams-Allen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 404), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 407), Lauren J. King, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 406), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Breon S. Peace, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

William S. Thompson, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Damian Williams, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Darcie N. McElwee, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Christopher R. Kavanaugh, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

William J. Ihlenfeld II, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Carla B. Freedman, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

Jessica D. Aber, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Armando O. Bonilla, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a

term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on July 13, 2021. **Page S6923**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—407) **Pages S6901, S6904, S6910**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6923.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Rachel Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Alex Wagner, of the District of Columbia, and Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, and Graham Scott Steele, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Industry and Security, and Thea D. Rozman Kendler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

AFGHANISTAN'S FUTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan's future, focusing on assessing the national security, humanitarian, and economic implications of the

Taliban takeover, after receiving testimony from Adam M. Smith, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, LLP, and Sue E. Eckert, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of New York, New York; Naheed Farid, Member of Afghanistan Parliament, Herat; and Thomas Joscelyn, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting kids online, focusing on testimony from a Facebook whistleblower, after receiving testimony from Frances Haugen, Whistleblower Aid.

MINING LAW OF 1872

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine and consider updates to the Mining Law of 1872, after receiving testimony from Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, and Autumn Hanna, Taxpayers for Common Sense, both of Washington, D.C.; Rich Haddock, Barrick Gold Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah; and David Brown, Wyo-Ben, Inc., Billings, Montana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), and Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Michael J. Murphy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as